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City braces for 36-hour lockdown from 7 tonight

Dr. Chandragupta, Police Commissioner, Mysuru City.

- **First Weekly Sunday curfew to be total**
- **Buses, vehicles to be off roads; no trains**
- **Venture out of homes only for essentials**
- **Sale of fruits, vegetables & meat allowed**
- **Already scheduled marriages permitted**

One of the city roads barricaded ahead of the Sunday curfew.

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&BCT)- The first 'weekly Sunday curfew' as part of lockdown 4.0 will start in Mysuru tonight (May 23) itself instead of Sunday (tomorrow) morning, Mysuru City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta said. Gearing up for the 36-hour curfew, Chandragupta told 'Star of Mysore' that there will be elaborate arrangements to strictly implement the curfew as the Government has directed to make it successful. Warning violators, the Commissioner said they will be dealt with an iron hand and added that anyone found roaming aimlessly would face legal action.

Though the weekly curfew timing begins from 7 am tomorrow, in fact it begins from 7 pm today itself as due to existing rules all commercial establishments, except medical stores, were asked to close down after 7 pm daily.

Karnataka is the only State in the country that has given call for total curfew for 36 hours to curb spread of deadly virus COVID. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa had announced ahead of the fourth phase of the lockdown that every Sunday there will be lockdown across the State.

Essential services exempted

However, Dr. Chandragupta said that essential items including groceries, fruits, meat, vegetables, milk, hospitals, pharmacies and clinics are allowed to function and people can make use of the facilities.

The decision of Police to exempt essential services and meat comes in view of Ramzan festival. Muslim community members are anticipating the sighting of the crescent moon tonight to mark the celebration of the festival of Eid-ul-Fitr, which marks the end of the fasting month of Ramzan.

If the crescent moon is sighted tonight, Eid will be celebrated tomorrow and if not, it will be celebrated on Monday. The official Government holiday for Eid is on Monday. Community members gave a representation to the Government and Police and had urged relaxation in the weekly Sunday curfew due to the holy festival.

(See LOCKDOWN on page 3)

Will hotels stop parcel service in protest ?

Decision hinges on hoteliers' meeting with CM in Bengaluru today

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&BCT)- The Karnataka Government is in a dilemma over responding to the demand of hotels and restaurants to re-start full operations as the Centre is yet to provide guidance on the issue. The cash-strapped industry has threatened to halt food takeaways if hotels and restaurants are not given approval to open their doors.

Reports from Bengaluru say that the industry representatives are scheduled to meet Chief Minister Yediyurappa today with their concerns and much depends on the outcome of the meeting. During their previous meeting last Tuesday, the CM sought three days' time to decide on allowing dine-in services. "If the Government refuses permission for dine-in, we will withdraw the parcel services and close down hotels across Karnataka," Karnataka Hoteliers' Association President Chandrashekar Hebbar told reporters in Bengaluru.

Meanwhile, many hotels and restaurants, especially the ones that are dependent on domestic and international tourists, are set to close down in Mysuru as they are unable to cope up with losses and even if the industry opens up, it will take months for the hotels to recover from losses.

Mysuru City Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda has been appealing to the Government to relax rules for them to operate as the Government has permitted all industries to open with the guidelines. "Last week, 'Southern Star' in Mysuru closed down due to losses and today, 'Anima Madhva Bhavan' on Kalidasa Road announced that it will close down as it is not financially viable to operate even if the hotel industry opens," he told *Star of Mysore*.

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STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

Mysuru should become a model for green cover: Minister tells officials

Environment Day invite to Saalumarada Thimmakka & Yaduveer

Mysuru, May 23 (MK&DM)- District Minister S.T. Somashekar called upon the Forest Department officials to make Mysuru a model in the spread of green cover and asked them to concentrate on increasing greenery on Chamundi Hill.

He was addressing officials at a preparatory meeting ahead of World Environment Day (June 5) at ZP auditorium here on Thursday. Reiterating that Mysuru should be a role model in terms of greenery, Somashekar said that all Departments concerned must work together to improve the green cover atop Chamundi Hill.

Directing the Forest officials to conduct a study on improving green cover, the Minister asked them to submit a report on the number of saplings that can be planted in all the 11 Assembly segments of the District and the Department's readiness for the exercise.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha said he wanted the district to create a record in planting of saplings. Pointing out that the celebration of Environment Day would be more purposeful if over one lakh saplings are planted, he called for larger campaigns on environment and ecological conservation.

MLA L. Nagendra said that the people in highly polluted Delhi are getting some oxygen only because of roadside Peepal and Neem trees. Stressing on the need for growing these two trees in Mysuru too, he said that Neem trees, which are robust and sturdy by nature, can withstand strong winds and rainfall and hence is considered a better bet than other trees.

MLA S.A. Ramdas said that more importance must be given for scientific planting rather than concentrating on numbers. He suggested that people who come for jogging in parks must be engaged in taking care of plants and also planting of saplings.

Expressing concern over decreasing greenery on Chamundi Hill, he opined that the Forest Department must take immediate measures for green cover expansion.

University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar said that the Varsity has entrusted students to plant and also to take care of the saplings in the campus.

Pointing out that the University campus spread across 800 acres has over 25,000 trees and plants of various species, he sought the support of the Forest Department for growing more trees.

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. Vidyashankar said that the University has distributed four saplings to each staff. While two saplings will be planted on the Varsity campus, the remaining two will be planted at their house, he added.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that saplings must be planted at proper places and it is important to ensure that plants survive for long. Pointing out that it was improper to plant saplings under electric power lines, he said that such an action poses a risk to the Department as the trees need to be trimmed when they grow up touching the power lines and as such the issue must be considered seriously.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde highlighted the programmes for World Environment Day on June 5.

MUDA Commissioner D.B. Natesh, ZP CEO Prashanth Kumar Mishra, UoM Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa and other officials were present.

Invite to Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar

Meanwhile, District Minister Somashekar has invited Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar as the guest of honour for the Environment Day celebrations in Mysuru on June 5. Well-known environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka, a Padma Shri awardee, has been invited to inaugurate the programme, which features mass planting of saplings with the theme 'Green Mysuru.'

Saalumarada Thimmakka hospitalised

Hassan, May 23- Environmentalist Saalumarada Thimmakka was admitted to a private hospital in Hassan on Thursday after she suffered from stomach pain, vomiting and other health problems. Her condition is now said to be stable.

She was staying with her adopted son Umesh, a native of Balluru in Belur taluk of Hassan district. Umesh is in Balluru ever since the COVID-19 lockdown was imposed in March.

Leopard trapped

Mysuru, May 23 (MTY&KS)- A leopard, which had created panic among the villagers of Kurubalanahundi village and surrounding places in the taluk, has been trapped in a cage placed by the Forest Department. The leopard walked into the cage and was trapped inside yesterday morning.

The leopard, which was active in the region, was creating panic among the villagers by raiding villages and killing cattle since about two months. It had killed many cattle heads, six goats, many pet dogs and had also injured a calf which later succumbed to injuries.

Following several complaints from villagers, the Forest Department had conducted inspections and had placed two cages to trap the leopard and on Friday morning, the leopard walked into the cage placed in the field of one Raju in Kurubalanahundi with a dog inside the cage as a bait and was trapped. The leopard is said to be four-year-old.

The villagers, who saw the leopard trapped, informed the Forest Department personnel, following which Range Forest Officer (RFO) S. Girish, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Umesh, Guards Mahadevu, Lokesh, Naveen, Ravi and Mahesh rushed to the spot and shifted the cage along with the leopard from the spot. On instructions from the higher officials, the leopard was released into Moolehole Range in Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Forest staff reunites leopard cubs with mother

Mysuru, May 23 (MTY&KS)- The Forest Department personnel have reunited three leopard cubs with their mother, thus displaying their concern for wildlife conservation and protection.

The three leopard cubs, born about four to five days ago, were found in the sugarcane field of one Honnappa in Kodanahalli in the taluk on May 17. The villagers had put the cubs in a tray and had informed the Forest Department personnel. Range Forest Officer (RFO) M.K. Devaraju and Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Malegowda, who rescued the cubs, decided to leave the cubs at the spot as they were just a couple of days old and wait for the mother to take back the cubs. Though there are instances of Forest staff providing foster care to many cubs earlier, the Forest officials decided to reunite the cubs with their mother.

Following instructions from Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) T. Heeralal, Deputy Conservators of Forests (DCFs) Alexander and Dr. K.C. Prashanth Kumar, the Forest staff began to keep a hawk eye vigil on the surroundings of the spot, where the cubs were found and found the mother leopard searching for its cubs.

The Forest staff immediately brought it to the notice of their higher officials, left the leopard cubs at the spot where they were found at about 6.30 pm and began to observe them by hiding at a distance.

Though it began to rain, the Forest staff kept their vigil over the leopard cubs. The Forest staff were sure that the mother leopard was nearby as many dogs began to bark and at about 9.30 pm, when the Forest staff checked the spot, the mother had taken back her cubs.

When the Forest staff arrived the next day morning to the spot, they found the pug marks of the mother leopard and her cubs from the spot to the forest and the Forest staff were confirmed that the mother had taken back her cubs. The Forest staff's patience to wait for the mother leopard to take back her cubs paid off and was appreciated by the villagers.

VOICE OF THE READER

SSLC final exam trauma

Beat the challenge by

holding exam at school-level

Sir,

This has references to the report in 'SOM' dated May 19 about the SSLC exams beginning from June 25. I have been following very closely the incalculable damage caused by COVID to the examination system (SSLC & PUE Boards and other competitive exams) driving the administration and the students crazy as to how will they be able to come to a win-win situation.

We all know as parents and teachers that SSLC and PU exams, as often repeated, are very crucial to say the least. For all of us the present predicament is totally a big challenge. 8.40 lakh students, needing 43,720 class rooms at 2,879 centres, has been very ably, so far, handled by the men of the Department, says the Education Minister.

But this is no big issue for the experienced officers, under normal circumstances. But now it is so dangerous and frightening, as the pandemic is only showing the signs of reaching greater heights of devastation.

Therefore, I would like to suggest to the authorities through '*SOM*' to reduce the exam-related trauma and trepidation in the minds of all concerned by holding the exams at the school-level itself. We all know what ethical and criminal blunders are committed whenever important exams are conducted. Why should there be a single Question Paper for the entire State ? Yes, many suspect the standard, veracity and morality etc., of such an experiment. Let us trust our teachers in whose hands we have trusted the future of our children. There are many uncorrupt, honourable, respectable and dignified teachers in the system and, therefore, there are many upright officers in the society even today. Well, as a check-measure the papers can be set by the nearby schools and valuation also could be done by different schools with mutual co-operation.

The Board can also get some random answer scripts from each subject scrutinised to enforce justice to the students before announcing the results. There will be some lapses. But can we not excuse or ignore them? Has not the system forgiven its own lapses?

Our children are usually tensed about final exams. Now with the mandatory thermal screening, sanitisers and masks thrust on them, imagine the pressure load on their already harassed minds? You never know how the young minds will react to save the ignominy of a loss of face. So, let us show some well thought of generosity and not make it a prestige issue or an issue of trust and honesty or efficiency of the Department. There is still time for easing the tensions on many fronts, particularly preserving health of mind and body. Will someone take a bold step?

— Prof. K.V. Satyan

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Shramik Special with 1,250 passengers leaves for Bihar from Mysuru

With this the number of trains from Mysuru Division goes up to 6 and the number of migrants transported to UP and Bihar stands at 10,500

Mysuru, May 23- As many as 1,250 registered migrants from Mysuru boarded the Shramik Special at Ashokapuram Railway Station (Mysuru) operated by the Railways yesterday at the behest of the State Governments of Bihar and Karnataka.

This special train comprised 20 coaches, including 18 Sleeper and 2 General Second Class providing accommodation for 1,250 passengers. This train was scheduled to reach Purnea in Bihar today (May 23). The train's journey is from point to point and as such, no one was allowed to board or alight at en route stations where it stopped for operational reasons.

The Mysuru-based Rotary Heritage Club made arrangements for providing packed dinner and water to all the passengers. The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) made arrangements for serving food to the migrants as per a time-table till this train reached the destination station through coordination with Railway Divisions concerned.

The passengers were screened by the District Health Department Officials as per the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The Railway, on its part, has assisted the passengers in occupying their seats onboard offering them the Dos and Don'ts during the journey. The importance of personal hygiene has been stressed and wearing of face masks has been made compulsory. The train was fully sanitised as per standard protocols before allowing the passengers inside the coaches.

Six Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel escorted the train, end to end, and coordinated with Railway Police/Civil Police in the respective States in the route of the train to efficiently deal with any law and order or safety issues. Senior Mysuru Division Railway Officials were present at Ashokapuram Station to ensure hassle-free implementation of all procedures connected with running of Shramik Specials. With this the number of trains dispatched from Mysuru Division goes up to 6 and the number of migrants transported to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to nearly 10,500.

The State Government's request for arranging the train was made only around 15:00 hrs yesterday. Despite very short notice, the Railways have provided the fit and operationally-ready rake after getting it completely sanitised as per standard protocols, stated a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO.

Railways to open reservation counters in phased manner

First 100 pairs of trains to operate from June 1

Mysuru, May 23- Railways have decided to open reservation counters to purchase advanced reservation tickets in a phased manner. To begin with, booking counters in important stations across Indian Railways were opened from May 22.

On Mysuru Division, PRS counters at the following Stations are open for issuing tickets for the first 100 pairs of train services announced by the Ministry of Railways for operation from June 1, 2020: 1. Mysuru; 2. Davanagere; 3. Shivamogga Town and 4. Hassan.

The refund facility for the tickets booked during the period of lockdown will also be arranged through theses counters with effect from May 25, 2020.

As already informed, 2 pairs of Intra-State, inter-district trains have commenced service from yesterday.

1. KSR Bengaluru to Belagavi Express Spl. (tri-weekly); 2. KSR Bengaluru to Mysuru Express Spl. (6 days in a week except Sunday).

Social distancing and other SOPs will be enforced strictly. Rail-users are requested to help Railways in maintaining hygiene / cleanliness in station premises, including booking counters.

The first service of Mysuru-KSR Bengaluru Express Special left Mysuru Station yesterday as per schedule at 13:45 hrs.

City braces for 36-hour lockdown

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No buses, trains: All vehicles, including buses, private vehicles will be off the roads and there will be no train service. "We are making public announcements in various areas in Mysuru asking people to desist from venturing out of their homes unnecessarily till 7 am on Monday. Also, barricades will be put up on all roads from today evening and they will be in place till Monday morning. Policemen will be present at the barricades and will enforce strict weekly curfew measures. Those who violate guidelines will not be spared and action will be initiated under the law," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda.

Marriages allowed: Meanwhile, the authorities have clarified that marriages that have been already scheduled for May 24 and 31 will be exempted from Sunday curfew measures. The clarification comes following a petition from the public seeking clarification or permission to go ahead with the marriages that were already scheduled on Sundays. Deputy Commissioners have been informed that marriages can be permitted by ensuring social distancing, capping the number of guests at 50 and strict compliance with all other guidelines.

Not more than 50 guests, no AC, no consumption of liquor and paan, no invitation to people aged above 65 and below 10 and also pregnant women are some of the guidelines to be followed for holding marriages. Prohibiting people from containment zones from attending such events, it mandated the use of sanitisers and thermal screening at the entry of the venue.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Learning Life's Lessons from Fali S. Nariman: India's Advocate Extraordinaire ! – 2

[Continued from May 18]

Fali Nariman talks about his experience in the Bombay High Court and makes a sort of confession that a large majority of litigants (like me), lawyers and even Judges, cannot disagree with. Here it is:

"Over the past 59 years at the Bar, I have come to realise that justice is elusive, sometimes unpredictable, and often unsatisfying."

As if to explain why he holds the kind of opinion about justice, quoted here above, Nariman gives the case of a Parsi doctor convicted and sentenced to death in England and another of a defamation case in the Bombay High Court.

Here is Nariman's last words on defamation cases:

"Defamation cases in India are a luxury and a dangerous luxury at that, that they are too often filed in a hurry, and repented only at leisure. And then it is too late. I dissuade clients from filing such actions — civil or criminal." This, with the example of a case filed against a Gujarati weekly 'Kaiser-i-Hind.'

He writes about the meagre fee paid to the juniors if they argued the case and recalls the words of his grandmother, 'Out of misery, you will learn.' Unable to manage without minimum earning, his friend, also in the Chambers of Kanga, left the profession and joined Glaxo, becoming in course of time its MD in India. As for Nariman, the lucky, he made it good in the profession rising to the highest position, making a name in India and in the international legal bodies.

He recalls that in his time Junior Advocates were fortunate to have Judges who were considerate and kind to Juniors. This helped the Juniors earn a small fee (for appearing with the Seniors. He showers great admiration on Chief Justice M.C. Chagla saying that Chagla had "such a combination of knowledge and graciousness," qualities that Nariman later found in another Chief Justice of India, Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah, describing him as "another great Judge and a great human being."

Bapsi and Fali Nariman at a function.

Nariman mentions of another important turning point in his life. I guess it is so with everyone who gets married! He got married in October 1955 to Bapsi Contractor. It is interesting to know that her paternal grandfather Khan Sahib Sorabji Contractor constructed Jamsetji Tata's Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay (in 1903) and also the iconic 'Gateway of India' next to it on the seashore. No wonder this marriage was 'an important' turning point in Fali Nariman's life.

Chapter 5 of the book titled, "Lessons in the School of Hard Knock" is full of advice, or call it tips to lawyers, gleaned from his personal experience and experience of others who practiced in different Law Courts. Nariman lists them and at the final count it is 28. Some examples.

First one. Let your opinion about 'Whether your client has a case that would stand up in Court' be honest and responsible. Acquaint oneself with the relevant laws, including case laws. While arguing be precise, not confused. Be well-prepared with scholarship on the case on law.

Nariman gives a classic and unbelievable example of an episode in the Court between the great Advocate **Viswanatha Sastri** (his portrait hangs in the Advocate's Lounge in the Supreme Court) and **Justice R.S. Bachawat,** a great Judge.

While Sastri was arguing in his inimitable 'soft-but-sure' manner, Justice Bachawat reminded Viswanatha Sastri that the proposition he was affirming in his argument was directly contrary to what the Privy Council had said in another case. **There was silence in the Court.** What would be the response of Viswanatha Sastri? After all, except Justice Bachawat no one (including other two brother Judges sitting with him) would know this decision of the Privy Council, thought everybody.

But here is the reply from Viswanatha Sastri:

"Yes, My Lord, and that is the only decision of the Privy Council that has been adversely commented on in "Halsbury's Laws of England" in volume [such-and-such.]"

This was too much for Justice P.B. Gajendragadkar, a scholar Judge sitting in the Bench who suspended the proceedings and ordered that the books be brought to the Court. Sure enough there was the judgement of the Privy Council as Justice Bachawat had recollected and equally surely there was that passage in "Halsbury's Laws of England" which commented adversely on the opinion of the Privy Council!

"This is how well-prepared lawyers and Judges should be," concludes Nariman.

Another interesting advice relates to a news item I had read in 'The Indian Express' in the 60s. The advice, "Never be too cocksure of winning cases."

Nariman had argued a case before Chief Justice H.K. Chainani and thought he would win the case. About a week later, Chief Justice Chainani, while crossing the road during an evening walk on Marine Drive (my usual haunt while in Bombay), was knocked down unconscious by a passing motor car and later died. The appeal had been placed for hearing once again before another Bench. This Judge told Nariman that the notes on the file of Chief Justice Chainani indicated that the judgement would be in Nariman's favour. "But it was not to be. I had counted my chicken before they were hatched!" bemoans Fali Nariman.

Another good advice Nariman mentions in the book is, "Leave your anger outside the Courtroom." As Lord Eldon discovered 30 years later, that he was very angry and very wrong. Yet another advice was, "Don't quarrel with your opponents because ..... the major part of your life will be spent with your colleagues at the Bar. And there is another gem of advice — that to lose your temper at a Judge is losing half the battle in Court!"

The last 28th advice I must mention here so that I too can share with my readers my own experience similar to the one mentioned in the book. The advice is, "When you are old and infirm, you must stop practicing!"

Nariman says that good sight and good hearing are essential attributes for a good lawyer and illustrates it with an example you would love. The doyen of Bombay Bar one John Duncan Inverarity (1870-1923) was hard of hearing. So he was given a place near the Judge. The captain of the ship (involved in the case) was giving oral evidence and said, "...and the ship was slowly sinking..." John Duncan Inverarity, despite being close to the Judge and the witness, misheard the statement, immediately stood up and in a loud voice demanded to know 'who was drinking?'

On being told what the captain had said, John "Sheepishly resumed his seat."

Now what was told to me. It was the birthday of my friend who had survived an open heart surgery. His nephew had married a Chinese girl who was baking cakes as a hobby. So she was asked to make a hat-shaped birthday cake for my heart-patient friend's party. The party began with family members charged with sentiments. The birthday cake was brought and kept on the table with its cardboard cover ready to be lifted and surprise the guests.

Lo and behold ! When the carton was lifted there came a **red heart-shaped cake!** There was stunned silence for a while. How to cut the heart?

The poor Chinese lady, while taking the order, misheard her husband as saying 'heart' instead of 'hat.'

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Mysuru a model district in country for COVID control: Home Minister

Basavaraj Bommai lauds Police for showing human face while enforcing lockdown rules

Mysuru, May 23 (RKB&BCT)- Mysuru has become a model district in the entire country in controlling COVID-19, said Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai. He was speaking at a programme organised by AYUSH Department and Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas to distribute 'health kits' to public at Samrat Kalyana Mantap in Kuvempunagar yesterday.

Inaugurating the programme, the Home Minister said that the killer virus was under complete control due to the efforts of the Mysuru District Administration, Police and Corona Warriors. Even people of Mysuru have co-operated with the District authorities, Bommai said.

Both the Centre and the State were in a relentless battle against the pandemic and were announcing various packages for economic revival and money is being pumped in to bring the economy, industries and agriculture back on track. He complimented Ramdas for distributing health kits for the people of his Constituency.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar too lauded the administration for controlling the virus spread and also the MLA for coming to the rescue of people in distress by providing food to thousands of people during the lockdown. "COVID-19 is under control in the district and the district administration has taken all measures to contain the spread of infection. The authorities concerned are monitoring the people entering from other States and also from Mandya," he said.

MLA Ramdas said that the health kits would be distributed to over 80,000 houses in the Krishnaraja Constituency. Mayor Tasneem, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, DCP Law and Order Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, District AYUSH officer Dr. Seetalakshmi, BJP City President Srivatsa and others were present.

Role of Police praised

At a review meeting of the Police Department held at SP Office yesterday, the Home Minister praised the role of Police in maintaining the law and order and at the same time assisting the District Administration in preventing the spread of virus.

"The Police have displayed and demonstrated their human nature while dealing with the people who violated lockdown rules. Without dealing with them heavily though it was mandated by law, you people have managed to convince people to stay indoors and as a result, the incidence of COVID is negligible in Mysuru though the positive cases initially were daunting," he said.

"At a time when even the high-ranking officials at the Centre framed guidelines on containment zone, quarantine facility, red zone and others, you have shown courage to implement them in letter and spirit though there is no precedence to the pandemic," Bommai said and called upon officers and Police force to continue their good work.

MLA L. Nagendra, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, District Minister S.T. Somashekar, IGP Southern Range Vipul Kumar, DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Additional SP P.V. Sneha and others were present.

Kannada writer Shantadevi Kanavi passes away

Dharwad, May 23- Shantadevi Kanavi (87), veteran Kannada short story writer, intellectual and wife of poet Channaveera Kanavi, passed away at KLE Hospital in Belagavi yesterday.

According to family sources, she was hospitalised a week ago owing to age-related health issues. She leaves behind her husband, a daughter and four sons. Last rites were held at Dharwad today.

Shantadevi hailed from Vijayapura and had settled in Dharwad after her marriage.

Her stories, which depicted the life and culture of North Karnataka region, have been translated into languages such as English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. They routinely found their way into anthologies that became part of University text books. She had received awards from the Karnataka Sahitya Academy and also the Dana Chintamani Attimabbe Puraskara from the Government of Karnataka.

Shantadevi Kanavi

Renowned vocalist Shyamala Bhave no more

Bengaluru, May 23- Renowned vocalist Shyamala G. Bhave (79), who had an equal command over Hindustani and Karnatak music, passed away yesterday at her residence after suffering a stroke, family members said. She was a spinster.

"She was ailing for quite some time... Three days ago, she was discharged from a hospital. Her condition worsened after that. She passed away this morning at 7.15 am after suffering a stroke," family members said on Friday.

Shyamala Bhave's younger sister Nirmala, who lives in the US, was by her side when the end came, they said.

Her father, late Govind Vitthal Bhave, trained her in Hindustani music, while she was tutored in the Karnatak stream by noted vocalists A. Subbaraya and B. Doreswamy. Her mother Lakshmi Bhave was also a classical vocalist. Shyamala Bhave won a music competition when she was six years old and started giving music performances when she turned 12.

Shyamala G. Bhave

She was bestowed with the title of 'Ubhaya Gaana Vidushi (expert in both styles)' by Sir M. Visvesvaraya, the 19th Diwan of Mysore.

Jubilant Generics to re-open soon with ICMR guidelines

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&BCT)- Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai has indicated that Jubilant Generics, the company in Nanjangud which was shut due to COVID-19, will resume operations soon with the guidelines by Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR). The State Government has accorded clearance for its operations.

A person (P52) employed at Jubilant Generics was identified as the source of infection of Nanjangud cluster spreading novel Coronavirus to 76 people. As such, the company closed its operations till now. Speaking to reporters in Mysuru yesterday, Bommai said the Health Department had written to ICMR, which had in response sent guidelines.

He said the Mysuru District Administration will take all the necessary steps before the premises is re-opened with the stipulated restrictions. The company had sought permission from the Karnataka Government to restart operations after its parent company Jubilant Life Sciences tied up with the US drug firm Gilead to manufacture and sell Remdesivir, which is considered to be a frontline drug to treat COVID-19.

"The work on modification of the plant to supply the product has to begin immediately to manufacture Remdesivir. In view of this extreme urgency, it is critical to resume and normalise operations at the Jubilant Generics, Nanjangud plant immediately," a letter to the Government by the company read.

The company manufactured critical medicines like Azithromycin, Losartan, Valsartan, Irbesartan, Carbamazepine and Oxcarbazepine. Jubilant also manufactures Azithromycin Dihydrate and Azithromycin Monohydrate that are used as the first line of treatment for COVID-19," it said.

Kamsale artiste dies

Kamsale Mahadevaiah

Mysuru, May 23- Mahadevaiah (78), a Kamsale artiste and a resident of Kyathamaranahalli, passed away this morning at his residence.

A State awardee, Mahadevaiah, popularly known as Kamsale Mahadevaiah, leaves behind three sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Kyathamaranahalli Burial Grounds this evening, according to family sources.

Obituary

S.N. Bandiyavar

Mysuru, May 23 - S.N. Bandiyavar (74), retired KSRTC employee and a resident of Chamundipuram, passed away on Friday afternoon in city.

He leaves behind his wife Savithramma, daughter Nagashri, a lecturer at SJCE, son-in-law Raju and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

Disinfectant being sprayed daily in Gokulam

Corporator SBM Manju's concern appreciated by residents

Manju

Mysuru, May 23 (KS)- In a bid to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, Corporator SBM Manju has undertaken spraying of disinfectant Sodium Hypochlorite on all roads in Gokulam and Brindavan Extension in Ward No. 6 daily.

Manju, who has got a sprayer installed to a Maruti Omni Van is getting his Ward (No. 6) disinfected by spending money from his pocket. "To me the health of the residents is important," he says.

The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has already undertaken spraying of disinfectant with the help of Fire and Emergency Services personnel on all prominent roads, circles and commercial complexes in city as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of the virus.

But Corporator Manju's concern about the safety of the residents of his Ward has swung him into action. He has appointed two persons to spray disinfectant in his ward and he is paying them salaries from his pocket.

He has undertaken disinfectant spraying regularly since a week and is taking all preventive measures to avoid the spread of the virus.

"There are more number of senior citizens in Gokulam and Brindavan Extension, which comes under my Ward and their safety and good health is my responsibility. Hence, I have undertaken spraying of disinfectant at my own cost," Manju said.

Will hotels stop parcel service in protest ?

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There are over 8,500 rooms in over 350 hotels in Mysuru and there are hundreds of standalone darshinis and many reputed hotels.

"At least 20 of them are set to close down. What is the point in allowing public movement and opening up of all industries by disallowing hotels? Where will the people eat? Just parcel service is not working out. We will know exactly how many hotels are closing down after the Government allows us to operate," he said.

K. Dilip Biddappa, who owns 'The Roost' on Hunsur Road, says that it is uncertain if he will open his hotel. "This is a private property and I had leased it out to open this hotel. The lease period will end in another 2 months and I have requested the landlords to extend the lease by another 10 years. It all depends on their decision. Even if the lease is renewed, I need Rs. 50 lakh to start operations including employee salary, maintenance, infrastructure costs and operational costs. I cannot recover this money in two months, I am keeping my fingers crossed," he said.

Tarun Giri of Siddhartha Group too said that the industry is in dire straits. "The issue here is that there is no clarity from the Government on the date that the hotel industry will be allowed to operate at a time when every industry is functioning. Amidst the uncertainty, Excise officials are pestering us to pay the licence renewal fee. How should we pay when there is no business," he questioned. He added that the Government must defer the licence payment deadline by three months.

Former Mayor slams Centre for adopting anti-labour policies

Mysuru, May 23 (PM&KS) - Former Mayor Narayan today slammed the Centre for adopting anti-labour policies and removal of many Labour Acts to help multi-national companies.

Addressing a press meet under the banner of Karnataka State Local Bodies Scavengers Association at Jaladarshini Guest House on Hunsur Road here this morning, Narayan, who is the State President of the Association, said that the Centre using the lockdown period had removed nearly 45 important Labour Acts and has made only four Acts which will pose a lot of problems to labourers and added that the new Acts would only benefit investors, owners and multi-national companies.

Narayan said that the Centre has removed various Labour Acts which protect equal wages, bonus, minimum wages etc. which would benefit labourers. The new Acts would bring labourers to the streets as they neither provide job security nor life security and wage security.

He said that the new Acts would make nearly 50% labourers in the country lose permanent jobs and make them contract labourers, should work for 12 hours, should take the wages whatever the owner gives and no compensation would be provided if a labourer died on duty among others.

Stating that there were more than 30 crore labourers working in organised and un-organised sectors in the country, Narayan demanded the Centre to take back the new Labour Acts and continue the earlier Acts. He warned of launching a massive agitation along with labourers, labour associations and Pourakarmika associations if the Centre fails to take back the new Labour Acts.

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COVID-19 UPDATE

MYSURU

Persons observed till date	:	5,597
Persons who have completed 14 days' isolation	:	5,006
Persons isolated in home for 14 days (Inter-State travellers)	:	589
Persons isolated in hospital for active cases	:	2
Total samples tested	:	7,462
Samples found negative	:	7,370
Samples found positive (cumulative)	:	92
Persons cured / discharged	:	90
Death toll so far in Mysuru	:	0

MANDYA

Total positive cases in Mandya	:	237
Persons cured / discharged	:	26
Death toll so far in Mandya	:	0

KARNATAKA & INDIA

Total positive cases in Karnataka	:	1,959
Persons cured / discharged	:	608
Death toll so far in Karnataka	:	42
Total active cases in India	:	69,597
Persons cured / discharged	:	51,783
Death toll so far in India	:	3,720

(Note: Mysuru figures as on May 22. Media bulletin for May 23 not available)

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